TARRING OF MAIN ROADS

*762 [32] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have in view any scheme for tarring the main roads in the State at least the more important of the main roads in the State; and

(*b*) have the Government investigated as to the comparative durability of bus tyres running on tarred and untarred roads?

Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture **(Sri. E. John Philipose):**

(*a*) This question has already been answered on the floor of this House.

(*b*) Yes.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: Have the Government considered the comparative durability of the tyres of buses running on tarred and untarred roads?

Sri. E. John Philipose: According to investigation conducted by the Transport Department of the Government, it is reported that a tyre on tarred road would stand about 22,150 miles, while on an untarred road, a tyre could not stand more than 9,300 miles.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: Will the Government be pleased to take up the scheme of tarring roads?

Sri. E. John Philipose: That is one of the reasons why Government are taking up this very seriously; and the Transport Department also is co-operating in this matter.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: May I know what are the main transport routes that are proposed to be tarred?

Sri. E. John Philipose: I can assure the honourable member that Alleppey also would come within the scheme. (Laughter).

PROPERTY TAX

*763 [33] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether property tax is levied on school buildings within the limits of the Trivandrum City Corporation;

(*b*) was such property tax levied formerly;

(*c*) is such property tax at present being levied on the school buildings within the municipal limits of Kottayam, Quilon and Alleppey; and

(*d*) has any representation been received by the Government praying for exempting school buildings from liability to pay property tax?

Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self Government **(Sri. N. Kunjuraman):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: If no tax was levied in this way, why is it that a tax levy has been introduced of late?

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ : നിയമപ്രകാരം ഈടാക്കാൻ അവകാശമുണ്ട്, പക്ഷെ കാവൽ സൈറ്റുകൊണ്ട് ഈടാക്കാതിരുന്ന എന്നാണ് റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൊണ്ടു കാണുന്നത്.

ശ്രീ. ഇഴച്ചൻ അറയ്ക്കൽ : തിരുവിതാംകൂർ സംസ്ഥാനത്തിനു പുറത്ത് ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള നികുതി ഈടാക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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